

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Lynn Preston, N/CS26, Station 7350, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 (301-713-2735, ext. 123).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NOAA's National Ocean Service produces nautical charts to ensure safe navigation. Small-craft charts are designed for recreational boaters and include information on local marina facilities and the services they provide (fuel, repairs, etc.). NOAA must collect information to update the charts.

II. Method of Collection

When a specific chart is to be updated all currently listed marinas are sent a form to submit additions or corrections. Forms are also made available at boat shows for new marinas, which can also request a form from NOAA directly.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0021.

Form Number: NOAA Form 77-1.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations (small-craft facilities).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,600.

Estimated Time Per Response: 8 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 213.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the

use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 9, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Northeast Region Federal Fisheries Permit Family of Forms

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under Amendment 5 and Amendment 7 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and by Amendment 4 Sea Scallop FMP, VMS (Vessel Monitoring System) monitoring is considered to be one of the major tools for the monitoring and enforcement of the days-at-sea (DAS) management system. Certain categories of limited access scallop and multispecies vessels must use a VMS

unit while fishing under the DAS program when VMS vendors are certified by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for the purposes of monitoring DAS under the multispecies and scallop regulations. This submission discusses VMS use on scallop and multispecies vessels to meet OMB's requirement for a cost study prior to actually making the VMS requirement mandatory.

II. Method of Collection

Full-time and part-time scallop limited access and multispecies individual DAS limited access permit holders will be required to submit to NMFS proof of installation of VMS unit by a NMFS certified VMS vendor on the vessel.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0202.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit (fishermen).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 442.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.03.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 14.73.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$221.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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